

SM Energy Co  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**Knott Kenneth J.**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 1200  
(Street)

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SM Energy Co [SM]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/03/2017**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
SVP-Bus Dv & Land & Asst Sec

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock: \$.01 Par Value   | 12/30/2016                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | V   | 157 A \$ 23.868   | 43,574   | D   |
| Common Stock: \$.01 Par Value   | 06/30/2017                           |  | J <sup>(2)</sup>               | V   | 725 A \$ 14.05  | 44,299   | D   |
| Common Stock: \$.01 Par Value   | 07/03/2017                           |  | M                              |   | 341 A <u>3</u>  | 44,640   | D   |
| Common Stock: \$.01             | 07/03/2017                           |  | F                              |   | 94 D \$ 16.53   | 44,546   | D   |

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Par Value

Common  
Stock: \$.01 07/03/2017 M 572 A (4) 45,118 D  
Par Value

Common  
Stock: \$.01 07/03/2017 F 157 D \$ 16.53 44,961 D  
Par Value

Common  
Stock: \$.01 07/03/2017 M 831 A (5) 45,792 D  
Par Value

Common  
Stock: \$.01 07/03/2017 F 228 D \$ 16.53 45,564 D  
Par Value

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares                 |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(3)</u>   | 07/03/2017                           |  | M                              | 341   | <u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>                                    | Common Stock  | 341 <u>(3)</u>                             |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(4)</u>   | 07/03/2017                           |  | M                              | 572   | <u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>                                    | Common Stock  | 572 <u>(4)</u>                             |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(5)</u>   | 07/03/2017                           |  | M                              | 831   | <u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>                                    | Common Stock  | 831 <u>(5)</u>                             |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Knott Kenneth J.<br>1775 SHERMAN STREET<br>SUITE 1200<br>DENVER, CO 80203 |               |           | SVP-Bus Dv & Land & Asst Sec |       |

# Signatures

Karin M. Writer  
(Attorney-In-Fact) 07/06/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The reporting person purchased 157 shares of the issuer's common stock on December 30, 2016, through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) The reporting person purchased 725 shares of the issuer's common stock on June 30, 2017, through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vested in three equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2015. The vested shares were issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares lapsed.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2016. The vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2017. The vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.

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